

ACADEMIC SENATE
of
CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY, SAN LUIS OBISPO

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RESOLUTION REGARDING STUDENT WITHDRAWAL FROM
CLASS AFTER THE CENSUS DATE

- WHEREAS, We are presently operating under the Trustees' requirement that a student may withdraw from a class after the census date only for reasons which are "serious and compelling;" and
- WHEREAS, We recognize that indeed there are serious and compelling reasons for which a student might need to withdraw from a class after the census date; and
- WHEREAS, In many cases, such reasons cannot be adequately verified due to the nature of the problem, or to lack of resources, time or expertise, thus putting a premium on student dishonesty; therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That the Trustees be requested to change the requirement which necessitates evaluation of such serious and compelling reasons, in favor of a substitute procedure allowing each student a strictly limited number of withdrawals after census dates without verification of reasons; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That extensions of this strictly limited number of allowed post-census date withdrawals be allowed only under the most exceptional circumstances. If a student should feel that truly exceptional circumstances compel him/her to ask for an extension, then the student should be expected to provide ample documentation, provide sufficient avenues for verification and cross-checking of this documentation, and provide a defense of his/her exercise of all previous post-census date withdrawals. The student should be expected to present this case to a campus-wide board, with members given appropriate release time from instructional duties. It should be made clear that such extensions will rarely be granted, so that students and board members do not waste their time on capricious, frivolous, or poorly documented requests.